

Montana State Legislature

2013 Session

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BUSINESS REPORT

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, February 14, 2013
Place: Capitol

Time: 3:00 PM
Room: 152

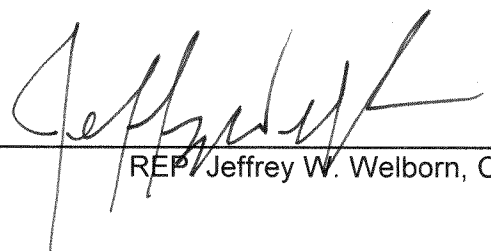
BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

HB 404 - Provide funding for block management program - Rep. Kelly Flynn
HB 407 - Authorize disabled hunters to hunt with a crossbow - Rep. Austin Knudsen
HB 440 - Dedicate hunting license fee money for easement procurement - Rep. Doug Kary

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

HB 404
HB 376

Comments:



REP. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Chair

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Roll Call
FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS COMMITTEE

DATE: 2/14/2013

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT/EXCUSED</u>
REP. DOUG KARY, VICE CHAIR	X	
REP. FRANKE WILMER, VICE CHAIR		X
REP. GORDON VANCE		X
REP. CARLIE BOLAND	X	
REP. PAT CONNELL	X	
REP. JP POMNICHOWSKI	X	
REP. EDWARD GREEF	X	
REP. VIRGINIA COURT	X	
REP. KERRY WHITE	X	
REP. BRIDGET SMITH	X	
REP. WENDY WARBURTON		X
REP. ALAN DOANE	X	
REP. ED LIESER	X	
REP. KELLY FLYNN	X	
REP. TOM JACOBSON	X	
REP. BRIAN HOVEN	X	
REP. JEAN PRICE		X
REP. KIRK WAGONER		X
REP. RAY SHAW	X	
REP. TED WASHBURN	X	
REP. JEFFERY WELBORN, CHAIR	X	



HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 14, 2013

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Fish, Wildlife and Parks** recommend that **House Bill 404** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass as amended**.

Signed: _____

Representative Jeffrey W. Welborn, Chair

And, that such amendments read:

1. Title, page 1, line 7.

Strike: "A DELAYED"

Insert: "AN"

2. Page 3, line 26.

Strike: "January 1, 2014"

Insert: "July 1, 2013"

3. Page 3, line 28.

Strike: "2017"

Insert: "2015"

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 15, No 6

Fiscal Note Required ☐

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10:45 DC
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BILL TABLED NOTICE

HOUSE FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS COMMITTEE

The **HOUSE FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS COMMITTEE** TABLED
**HB 376 - Revising laws on restriction of wildlife by local government - Rep. Nancy
Ballance**
, by motion, on **Thursday, February 14, 2013.**

Marissa Stockton
(For the Committee)

TC
(For the Chief Clerk of the House)

10:50 / 2-15
(Time) (Date)

February 15, 2013 (10:40am) Marissa Stockton, Secretary

Phone: 444-1864

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Roll Call Vote
FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS COMMITTEE

DATE: 2/14/2013 BILL NO HB 376 MOTION NO. _____
 MOTION: DO PASS

NAME	AYE	NO	If Proxy Vote, check here & include signed Proxy Form with minutes
REP. DOUG KARY, VICE CHAIR		X	
REP. FRANKE WILMER, VICE CHAIR		X	
REP. CARLIE BOLAND		X	X
REP. PAT CONNELL		X	
REP. JEAN PRICE		X	
REP. EDWARD GREEF	X		
REP. VIRGINIA COURT		X	
REP. KERRY WHITE		X	
REP. BRIDGET SMITH		X	
REP. WENDY WARBURTON		X	X
REP. KELLY FLYNN		X	X
REP. ALAN DOANE	X		
REP. ED LIESER		X	
REP. TOM JACOBSON		X	
REP. BRIAN HOVEN		X	
REP. JP POMNICHOWSKI		X	
REP. KIRK WAGONER		X	
REP. RAY SHAW		X	
REP. TED WASHBURN		X	X
REP. GORDON VANCE		X	X
REP. JEFFERY WELBORN, CHAIR		X	

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Roll Call Vote
FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS COMMITTEE

DATE: 2/14/2013 BILL NO HB 404 MOTION NO. _____
 MOTION: DO PASS as amended

<u>NAME</u>	AYE	NO	If Proxy Vote, check here & include signed Proxy Form with minutes
REP. DOUG KARY, VICE CHAIR	X		
REP. FRANKE WILMER, VICE CHAIR		X	
REP. CARLIE BOLAND		X	X
REP. PAT CONNELL	X		
REP. JEAN PRICE		X	
REP. EDWARD GREEF	X		
REP. VIRGINIA COURT		X	
REP. KERRY WHITE	X		
REP. BRIDGET SMITH	X		
REP. WENDY WARBURTON	X		X
REP. KELLY FLYNN	X		
REP. ALAN DOANE	X		
REP. ED LIESER		X	
REP. TOM JACOBSON	X		
REP. BRIAN HOVEN	X		
REP. JP POMNICHOWSKI		X	
REP. KIRK WAGONER	X		
REP. RAY SHAW	X		
REP. TED WASHBURN	X		X
REP. GORDON VANCE	X		X
REP. JEFFERY WELBORN, CHAIR	X		

**AUTHORIZED
COMMITTEE PROXY**

I request to be excused from the Fish Wildlife & Parks

Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

Rep Frank McKinn

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

HB 376		✓
HB 404		✓
AmD HB 040401ah5 ✓		

Rep.

Carli O. Belford
(Signature)

Date 2/14/13

**AUTHORIZED
COMMITTEE PROXY**

I request to be excused from the

FWP

Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

Rep White

Don Lang

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

BILL/AMENDMENT	AYE	NO	BILL/AMENDMENT	AYE	NO
HB 376		X			
HB 404	X		HB 040401 chs	X	

Rep.

(Signature)

G. Vance

Date

2/14/13

AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE PROXY

I request to be excused from the

ZWP

Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

HB 376		X
HB 404	X	

BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

HBO 4040/1,2,3,4,5	X	

Rep.

Wendy Hubbard

(Signature)

Date

2/14/12

**AUTHORIZED
COMMITTEE PROXY**

I request to be excused from the FDP

Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

Don Kary

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

<u>BILL/AMENDMENT</u>	AYE	NO
<u>AB 376</u>		<u>X</u>
<u>AB 404</u>	<u>X</u>	

<u>BILL/AMENDMENT</u>	AYE	NO
<u>H B 040401.ahs</u>	<u>X</u>	

Rep. Ted Warburton
(Signature)

Date 2/14/13

**AUTHORIZED
COMMITTEE PROXY**

I request to be excused from the

Fish & Wildlife

Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

Uree - Chair Day Kay

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

BILL AMENDMENT

AYE NO

HB 376		X
HB 404	X	

BILL AMENDMENT

AYE NO

HB 404 401. ahs	X	

Rep.

Kelly J. Hyman
(Signature)

Date

2/14/13

MONTANA House of Representatives
Visitors Register
HOUSE FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 14, 2013

HB 404 - Provide funding for block management program

Sponsor: Rep. Kelly Flynn

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Info
Jean Johnson	MT Outfitters & G	X		
Chuck Denowh	UPom	x		
Vito Quatraro	Montana Sportsmen Alliance			x
George Coolie	MWIF		+	
John Youngberg	MEBF	X		
Jacob Gwyll	MT Farmer Union	X		
John				
Jay Bodner	MSG A	x		
Steve Hinebaugh	Self	X		
Jeff Wagner	FurP			x
Janet Ellis	MT Audubon		X	
Rod Bullis	Self	X		

Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

MONTANA House of Representatives

HOUSE FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS COMMITTEE

HB 407 - Authorize disabled hunters to hunt with a crossbow

Sponsor: Rep. Austin Knudsen

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MONTANA House of Representatives

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HOUSE FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 14, 2013

HB 440 - Dedicate hunting license fee money for easement procurement

Sponsor: **Rep. Doug Kary**

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Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

Steve Forrest

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February 12, 2013

House Fish, Wildlife and Parks Committee

Re: HB 376, Revising laws on restriction of wildlife by local government, Ballance

Mr Chairman, Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB376.

There is a great distinction between wildlife plans in towns and cities and wildlife plans for counties, which this bill intends to impose and why this is a bad bill for wildlife. Wildlife, particularly big game, suffer when they try to "fit in" among highly dense human populations, thus the need to manage those populations with the specific intent to control specific and discrete points of conflict that affects humans and wildlife. City governments often have trained animal control staff as part of their police force to accomplish this. Virtually every county in Montana, on the other hand, contain large blocks of public lands (BLM, Forest Service, State), large blocks of private "open space," and agricultural lands that comprise genuine and high quality habitat for most of these species, as opposed to parking lots, playfields, and fenced yards in cities. The county scale is the landscape on which these wildlife are meant to exist, and more importantly, where Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks works most effectively to manage wildlife populations. Wildlife Management should be a collaboration between local interests and the state wildlife management agency, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Local concerns are important, need to be heard, and meaningfully addressed. But HB376 goes too far. If passed, it will balkanize the management of wildlife in the state. It ultimately turns the fate of Montana's wildlife over to county governments, not a single one of which at this time has any wildlife expertise on staff who could competently administer a wildlife management program. It will return Montana to the dark ages when exactly this kind of fragmented approach to wildlife management resulted in decimation of the state's wildlife and prompted the formation of independent statewide game and fish agencies throughout the United States in the early years of the last century as a response to unchecked local exploitation of wildlife.

Montana's wildlife belongs to all Montanans, and all Montanans deserve a say in how their state's wildlife are managed. For that reason, HB376 is flatly undemocratic...this is nothing less than a thinly veiled attempt for a few local elites to exclude the majority of Montanans from decisions that control the fate of a resource owned by every Montanan. This is not to say that FWP or any government entity should have the right to ride roughshod over the rights and interests of any Montanan...local voices are important and good mechanisms currently exist to ensure that they are heard and that compromise is reached. For example, local landowners must be consulted by regulation as part of proposals to translocate many Montana species, and the list of hearing local grievances captured in statute is long. That's how we've done wildlife management from the beginning in this state, by working things out together, with the people that are affected. But Montanans as a whole deserve a seat at the table, and HB376 would circumvent that, by placing undue power in the hands of the few local politicians. Please vote "do not pass" on this bill.

Yours,



Steve Forrest, 106 Avenue C, Billings. MT 59101